(*d*) when the Government is likely to push through the scheme;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Cocanada Agricultural Farming Company approached the Government with a request for a lease of the aforesaid waste land for irrigation purposes; and

(*f*) if so, how the Government disposed of the matter?

A.—(*a*), (*c*) & (*d*) Yes. The project will be considered after the ultimate ayacut of the delta has been fixed.

(*b*), (*e*) & (*f*) The answer is in the negative.

The Educational institutions in the Presidency.

531 *Q.*—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing by communities the number of applicants who sought admission in different educational institutions under Government management, during the commencement of the current school year, in the various classes imparting secondary and collegiate education and the number who were actually admitted and the seating capacity of the various class rooms?

A.—The Government have no information.

Number of villages yielding beriz of Rs. 5,000 and above.

532 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. KANDASWAMI KANDAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) how many villages (Government) there are in this Presidency which have less than 2,000 acres, above 2,000 acres and below 4,000 acres and above 4,000 acres of ayacut; and

(2) how many Government villages there are in this Presidency which yield less than Rs. 2,000, above Rs. 2,000 and below Rs. 5,000 and above Rs. 5,000 beriz?

A.—(1) & (2) The Government have no information.

Electric installation in the Ceded Districts College Laboratory.

533 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is not a fact that an electric installation was made for the Ceded Districts College for laboratory and other purposes;

(2) what is the cost of such plant and how many years it has given satisfactory service since its installation; and

(3) what was the cause of the failure of the plant?

A.—(1) Yes.

(2) The installation was carried out at the beginning of 1919 at a cost of Rs. 13,343. Certain additions and improvements were subsequently carried out in 1921 at a cost of about Rs. 5,160.

(3) The Government understand that the dynamo and engine are not now in working order and the Public Works Department has been asked to set them right. The Government have no information as to the cause of the failure of the plant, but will enquire.